

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 105**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Wiggins  
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Berg, Lowenthal, Matthews,  
Pavley, Reyes, Salinas, and Wolk)**

January 10, 2003

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An act to repeal Division 10.25 (commencing with Section 10278) and Division 10.4 (commencing with Section 10285) of the Public Resources Code, relating to agricultural lands, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 105, as introduced, Wiggins. Agricultural land preservation: appropriation.

(1) Existing law establishes the California Environmental Quality Improvement Revolving Loan Program within the Department of Conservation to provide loans to farmers to carry out practices approved for cost-share payments under the federal Environmental Quality Incentive Program.

This bill would repeal the provisions establishing that program.

(2) Existing law establishes the Coastal Farmland Preservation Program, which requires the State Coastal Conservancy and the Department of Conservation to enter into a memorandum of understanding to ensure that the program is a coordinated effort and meets the goals of coastal farmland preservation and the California Farmland Conservancy Program Act.

This bill would repeal the provisions establishing the Coastal Farmland Preservation Program.

(3) The California Farmland Conservancy Program provides for grants from the Department of Conservation to local governments and nonprofit organizations, subject to prescribed requirements and in accordance with prescribed procedures, for the acquisition of agricultural conservation easements, as defined.

The California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 40) authorizes the expenditure of \$75,000,000 of the proceeds from bonds issued and sold pursuant to the act for grants for the preservation of agricultural lands and grazing lands, including oak woodlands and grasslands.

This bill would appropriate to the Department of Conservation \$48,000,000 of those proceeds from the bond act for grants under the California Farmland Conservancy Program and any associated program costs, as specified.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Division 10.25 (commencing with Section  
2 10278) of the Public Resources Code is repealed.

3 SEC. 2. Division 10.4 (commencing with Section 10285) of  
4 the Public Resources Code is repealed.

5 SEC. 3. Of the funds deposited in the California Clean Water,  
6 Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Fund  
7 and available for grants pursuant to subdivision (f) of Section  
8 5096.650 of the Public Resources Code for the preservation of  
9 agricultural lands and grazing lands, including oak woodlands and  
10 grasslands, the sum of forty-eight million dollars (\$48,000,000) is  
11 hereby appropriated to the Department of Conservation for grants  
12 under the California Farmland Conservancy Program Act  
13 (Division 10.2 (commencing with Section 10200) of the Public  
14 Resources Code) and any associated program costs.

15 SEC. 4. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, of the  
16 funds appropriated in this act from the California Clean Water,  
17 Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection  
18 Fund, not more than 5 percent of the total amount appropriated  
19 may be expended for associated program costs.

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